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SUBJECT: AIRPORT FREIGHT CONGESTION LAGOS/IKEJA

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PANAM REP AND CONFIRMED BY NIGERIA AIRWAYS COMMERCIAL MANAGER, LAGOS/IKEJA AIRPORT HAS BEEN EXPERIENCING INCREASING FREIGHT CONGESTION IN RECENT MONTHS PRIMARILY AS A RESULT OF THE LARGE INCREASE IN VOLUME HANDLED WITHOUT A CORRESPONDING DEVELOPMENT OF CAPACITY, CONGESTION HAS BECOME SO SEVERE IN RECENT WEEKS THAT AUTHORITIES HAVE NOW ORDERED A TOTAL EMBARGO ON ALL C.O. D. AIR SHIPMENTS EFFECTIVE ABOUT FEBRUARY 1. THIS EMBARGO IS EXPECTED TO LAST SEVERAL WEEKS. WHILE C.O.D. AIR FREIGHT IS A SMALL PROPORTION OF TOTAL AIR FREIGHT RECEIPTS AT LAGOS/ IKEJA IT REQUIRES A DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF ADMINISTRATIVE TIME TO PROCESS.

2. IF THE EMBARGO ON C.O.D. AIR FREIGHT SHIPMENTS DOES NOT HAVE THE DESIRED EFFECT OF RELIEVING AIRPORT FREIGHT CONGESTION, IT IS POSSIBLE, BUT NOT PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED, THAT A TOTAL EMBARGO ON ALL AIR FREIGHT INTO LAGOS/IKEJA MAY BE IMPOSED FOR A PERIOD OF PERHAPS TWO WEEKS IN ORDER TO CLEAR AWAY SOME OF THE BACKLOG.

3. IN VIEW OF THE SEVERITY OF AIR FREIGHT CONGESTION, PAN AM REP SUPPORTS C.O .D. EMBARGO AND COULD SUPPORT A TOTAL EMBARGO

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OF LIMITED DURATION TO DRAMATICALLY AMELIORATE PROBLEM. HE

STATES THAT WHILE SUCH EMBARGO NATURALLY HURT PAA SERVICE
AND EARNINGS, PRESENT CONGESTION AND RESULTING DELAYS IN
FREIGHT DELIVERY AND CLAIM FOR LOST FREIGHT ALREADY COST ALL
AIRLINES MUCH MONEY AND ILL-WILL. IN THE ABSENCE OF STRONG
MEASURES, AIR FREIGHT CONGESTION CAN BE EXPECTED TO WORSEN.
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